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THE REPLY FILED 14 October 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: Please see attached.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-20,25 and 26.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

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Appendix

Response to Amendment

Regarding rejection based on Hayashi, the passage “ However tungsten layer is known to prevent diffusion of gold (Abstract and Col 5 lines 5-11 and Fig 6b)” refers to Hayashi.

Regarding the teaching of removing the feeder layer- the conductive layer used for connecting electricity for electroplating- examiner has relied upon the teaching disclosed in Col 2 line 28-31. This should be read in context with the drawing (1a- 1o). In this case numeral 4 is used to disclose feeder layer, which is used for connecting electricity for electroplating and is later removed by using techniques applicable to removing metallic layers. This example clearly discloses that after the basic purpose of the feeder film is accomplished the layer may be removed. There would be no purpose in keeping unwanted conducting layer, when real estate on the substrate would be needed for active components later on.

Regarding JP 06-260482 to Takashi, this reference also teaches feeder layer that is removed after its purpose is done. Drawings 19-26 of Takashi as mentioned in the office action are explained in paragraph 0034 of the English translation submitted. The feeder layer is disclosed to be done as layer 2 over which layer 4 is formed (drawings 1-3). As explained with regards to drawing 20 the feeder layer is partially etched to make opening for the base film. In drawing 25 layer 4 is removed. As both layers 2 and 4 act to facilitate conduction of electricity for electroplating the combination would be called a feeder film. Base film 5c clearly overlaps this feeder film.